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Ghana Paper Attacks U.S. Negro Diplomat

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Ghana's official government party newspaper today attacked American Negro diplomat Emerson Player as a "Judas" for defending the United States flag and hinted of possible expulsions of more Americans from Ghana.

The United States Embassy filed a protest and called the attack "scurrilous."

Player, 31, of Denver, received a personal message from President Johnson today, commending him for "your bravery in protecting the American flag."

When a mob of Ghanaians pulled down the United States flag during anti-American demonstrations at the Embassy last week, Player rushed out, seized the banner and ran it up the staff.

"I am proud to be an American," was Player's comment when he received Mr. Johnson's message.

But the Ghanaian Times, publication of President Kwame Nkrumah's Convention Peoples Party, denounced all American Negro diplomats as "skunks and Judases," and said:

"We in Africa are prepared to fix them proper (sic)."

Denouncing suggestions that Player be awarded a medal for his deed, the Times said:

"One would think that Player would be the last one to perform such a disgraceful and shameful act. For no people have suffered more under the yoke of Yankee arrogance and racialism than Afro-Americans . . .

"Yet Player and several others of his stripe have dis-



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EMERSON PLAYER

. . . criticized by Ghanaians

tinguished themselves in our country by engaging in all sorts of nefarious activities designed to impede the march of African revolution.

"Indeed, it has been observed with regret that black Americans work twice as hard as whites in spreading vicious rumors, attempting to corrupt your youth with money and gifts and false tales of the happy lot of black Americans."

In another editorial commenting on the expulsion of four American and two other university teachers from Ghana for alleged subversive activities, the Times warned that other "spurious" Americans must get out.